



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Board of Public Utilities
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Newark, NJ 07102
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Customer Assistance

ANTHONY MAKRIS,

PETITIONER,

v.

UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,

RESPONDENT

ORDER ADOPTING
INITIAL DECISION

BPU Docket No. WC05020139U
OAL Docket No. PUC 5382-05N

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On March 3, 2005, Anthony Makris (Petitioner) filed a petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) requesting a hearing regarding a billing dispute with United Water New Jersey (Respondent).

On May 11, 2005, the Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for determination and initial disposition as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq. The matter was assigned to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Diana C. Sukovich.

During the pendency of this matter at the OAL, the parties engaged in negotiations and reached a settlement. The settlement was submitted to the ALJ for review. On February 21, 2006, ALJ Sukovich filed an Initial Decision with the Board, memorializing the terms of the settlement and recommending that it be approved. The ALJ found the settlement to be voluntary, consistent with the law and fully dispositive of all issues in controversy. The ALJ therefore concluded that the settlement met the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:1-19.1.

Under the terms of the Settlement, United Water New Jersey will give a credit to Petitioner in the amount of \$382.58. Petitioner agrees to pay the balance of \$382.57 on or before February 28, 2006, in addition to current water charges when due.

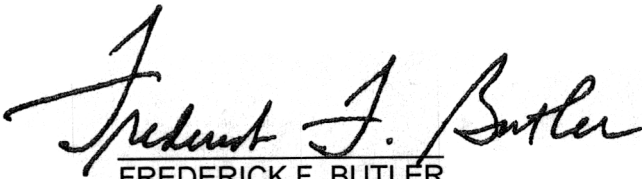
The Board FINDS that the terms of the settlement are fair and reasonable. The Board acknowledges that Petitioner has not paid the \$382.57 and he agrees to do so upon adoption of the Initial Decision by the Board. The Board HEREBY MODIFIES the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement to give Petitioner 15 days from the date of this Order to make payment of \$382.57 to United Water New Jersey, and otherwise incorporates the terms of the Initial Decision and Stipulation of Settlement as fully set forth therein.

DATED: 3/22/06

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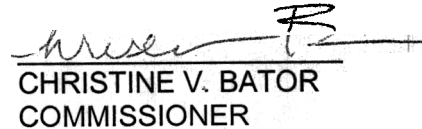
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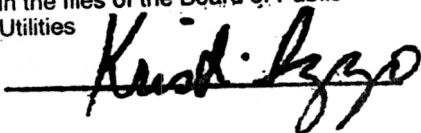
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INITIAL DECISION

SETTLEMENT

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AGENCY DKT. NO. WCO5020139U

ANTHONY MAKRIS,

Petitioner,

v.

UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY,

Respondent.

Anthony Makris, petitioner, *pro se*

John P. Wallace, Esq., for respondent

Record Closed January 27, 2006

Decided February 10, 2006

BEFORE DIANA C. SUKOVICH, ALJ

On February 10, 2005, petitioner filed a petition, in the form of a letter, with the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), contesting certain bills for water service from respondent. The BPU transmitted the matter to the Office of Administrative Law on May 17, 2005 for determination as a contested case pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 to - 13.

A settlement conference was conducted on August 22, 2005, and the matter was thereafter assigned to this judge. A telephone conference was conducted on January 20, 2006, during which the parties reached a resolution of the matter. An executed Stipulation of Settlement was filed on January 27, 2006, on which date the record was closed. Attached herewith is a copy of the Stipulation.


Having reviewed the record and the settlement terms, **FIND** that the parties have voluntarily agreed to the settlement as evidenced by their signatures, or the signatures of their representatives, and the settlement fully disposes of all issues in controversy and is consistent with the law.

Therefore, **CONCLUDE** that the agreement meets the requirements of *N.J.A.C. 17:27-19.1* and that the settlement should be approved. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the parties comply with the terms of the settlement and that the proceedings in this matter be concluded

hereby **FILE** my initial decision with the **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES** for consideration

This recommended decision may be adopted, modified or rejected by the BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, which by law is authorized to make a final decision in this matter. If the Board of Public Utilities does not adopt, modify or reject this decision within forty-five (45) days and unless such time limit is otherwise extended, this recommended decision shall become a final decision in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10.

DATE



DIANA C. SUKOVICH, ALJ

Receipt Acknowledged:

2-21-06
DATE



BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mailed to Parties:

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UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY, STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
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parties to this matter having reached a settlement with respect to the above matter, which relates to a disputed water bill of issued by Respondent for Account # 998 849 624, premises at 5 Washington Avenue, Cliffside Park, New Jersey,

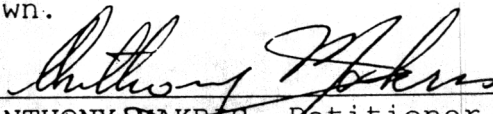
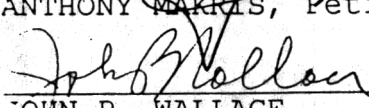
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Respondent, United Water New Jersey, will give a credit to Petitioner in the amount of \$382.58 for Account # # 998 849 624 with respect to a water bills of \$765.15.

2. Petitioner agrees to pay the balance owed on said account amounting to \$382.57 on or before February 28, 2005, in addition to current water charges when due.

3 Petitioner agrees that the petition in the above matter be and same is hereby withdrawn.

Dated: January 20, 2006


ANTHONY MAKRIS, Petitioner

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Re: Initial Decisions for Receipt

Receipt of the following decisions from the Office of Administrative Law (as well as a copy of this form) is acknowledged as of the date indicated below:

OAL Docket No. PUC

Case Name

5382-05

Anthony MAKELIS

Board of Public Utilities

2 Gateway Center

Newark, New Jersey 07102

Date: 2-21-06

[Signature]
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